

Travel Assistance:

Through private fundraising efforts, we have travel grants available to assist with travel expenses associated with the 7th WMUC (airfare/lodging, etc.). These are intended to increase worldwide participation. Presenters from Asia, India and Mexico will receive highest priority consideration. Small travel grants, up to 10% of available funds and less than \$1000 USD per grant, are also available to presenters from other geographic areas.

Once abstracts are submitted and accepted by our review committee, if the box is checked requesting financial assistance and a description of assistance needed, letters of assistance will be sent to presenters. For those requesting airfare, we have a booking agent that will handle your flight reservations and book your tickets.

Venue Costs:

Once rooms available at the venue are booked we will add a handful of additional hotels, but they will be within or more expensive than those at the Hilton Garden Inn and won't be as convenient. Because of our contract with the conference venue and the prices they have given us on meeting room rental, audiovisual equipment, meals and room rate, it is important to book rooms at the specified Hilton Garden Inn. We will be penalized for not filling our minimum room rental allocation.

The room rate is good for Bozeman, especially when shared with another conference attendee, as these rooms are double occupancy. Bozeman is not a big town. The population is approx. 50,000 people. It is however, a major gateway to Yellowstone National Park and therefore prices are higher than other cities in Montana.

Also, exchange rates favor the Euro and although Montana has a bed tax for hotels, Montana does NOT have a sales tax 😊 How cool is that!

The Treasure State Hostel is the only hostel in Bozeman. A link to their website is provided below. The Hostel is located in downtown Bozeman, not a reasonable walking distance to the conference venue, so an Uber or taxi will be needed (about a 10 minute drive). However, it is in the middle of downtown bustling with nightlife for college students, and adults young at heart. It is very inexpensive. Shared rooms start at \$26.00 per person and private rooms for \$42.00 and \$68.00. There is limited bed availability. <http://treasurestatehostel.com/index.html>

Visa information:

Please visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/business.html>

The most likely visa you will apply for at the US Consulate closest to where you live is one of the following: Business B1 or Tourist B2 or combination B1/B2.

We will provide an invite letter to all presenters who request one, for their visa application. This letter will accompany your visa application and visit at the Consulate (US Embassy) closest to you.